

**INDIANA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2010

Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-27.5-3-5

Members Present: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chairman
James Chapman, P.A., Secretary
Gregg Munson, P.A.
Joe B. Fox, M.D.

Staff Present: Kristen Kelley, Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Jody Edens, Assistant Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Phil Thompson, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Committee voted to adopt the agenda.

Participating Committee Members: James Chapman, P.A., Steven Jacobs, P.A., Gregg Munson, P.A., Joe B. Fox, M.D.

Fox/Munson, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The Committee voted to adopt the minutes from the September 9, 2010 meeting as written.

Participating Committee Members: James Chapman, P.A., Steven Jacobs, P.A., Gregg Munson, P.A., Joe B. Fox, M.D.

Chapman/Munson, 4/0/0
Motion carries

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Peter Iaria, P.A., License No. 10000468A, Cause No. 2008 PAC 0001

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a motion to Withdraw the Order of Probation scheduled before the Committee. The State of Indiana was represented by Mark Mader, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Committee Members: James Chapman, P.A., Steven Jacobs, P.A., Gregg Munson, P.A., Joe B. Fox, M.D.

Mr. Iaria successfully completed his contract with Candace Backer. He is compliant with all terms in his probationary order.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Committee moved to APPROVE the WITHDRAWAL of the ORDER OF PROBATION.

Fox/Chapman, 4/0/0
Motion carries

Randall Whitlock, P.A., License No. 10000836A, Cause No. 2007 PAC 0001

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding an Order to Show Cause scheduled before the Committee. The State of Indiana was represented by Mark Mader, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Committee Members: James Chapman, P.A., Steven Jacobs, P.A., Gregg Munson, P.A., Joe B. Fox, M.D.

A proposed settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Committee. The settlement agreement includes INDEFINITE SUSPENSION may not reinstate until his Ohio license has been reinstated.

After reviewing the proposed settlement agreement and taking its file into consideration the Committee moved to APPROVE the settlement agreement.

Chapman/Fox, 4/0/0
Motion carries

Bridget Tierney, P.A., License No. 10000353A, Cause No. 2010 PAC 0002

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented

by Mark Mader, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting by tape recording only.

A proposed settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Committee. The settlement agreement includes INDEFINITE PROBATION with terms and conditions.

After reviewing the settlement agreement and taking its file into consideration the Committee moved to APPROVE the settlement agreement.

Jacobs/Fox, 4/0/0
Motion carries

PROBATIONARY APPEARANCE

Maria Carson, P.A., License No. 10000559A: Ms. Carson appeared before the Committee for her probationary appearance.

Participating Committee Members: James Chapman, P.A., Steven Jacobs, P.A., Gregg Munson, P.A., Joe B. Fox, M.D.

Ms. Carson reported that she is following the terms of her probation. She is currently working two (2) days a week with the mobile service.

She continues to do her AA meetings and see her counselor once a week.

DEA informed her that it was too soon to obtain a DEA that she would be eligible for it February 2012.

The Committee thanked Ms. Carson for appearing before them.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Frank Kolovrat, P.A., RPh – Mr. Kolovrat appeared before the Committee regarding positive responses on his initial application for licensure and was not represented by counsel.

Participating Committee Members: James Chapman, P.A., Steven Jacobs, P.A., Gregg Munson, P.A., Joe B. Fox, M.D.

Mr. Kolovrat's physician assistant license in Pennsylvania was revoked. Ohio Board denied his application based upon the revocation in Pennsylvania. His Illinois license was placed on probation in 2000 based upon action taken in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

In February 2005, the NCCPA decided to allow him to keep his certification after meeting with him and hearing his testimony regarding his licensure issues.

He is a licensed pharmacist in four (4) states, including Indiana, and is currently working as a pharmacist.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Committee moved to TABLE this matter. The Committee wanted additional time to review all the contents in Mr. Kolovrat's licensure file in order to give him a fair hearing.

Jacobs/Fox, 4/0/0
Motion carries

Mr. Kolovrat submitted a request to withdraw his application on January 5, 2011.

Cheryl, Kukich, P.A. – Ms. Kukich appeared before the Committee regarding positive responses on her initial application for licensure and was not represented by counsel.

Participating Committee Members: James Chapman, P.A., Steven Jacobs, P.A., Gregg Munson, P.A., Joe B. Fox, M.D.

Ms. Kukich plead guilty to a 3rd degree felony of drug trafficking; marijuana and a 3rd degree felony of illegal possession of drugs; marijuana. On July 24, 2002, she was convicted and sentenced to one (1) year imprisonment. She opted for an intensive boot camp and residential program in order to decrease her confinement sentence. She was released from the program April 10, 2003 with one (1) year mandatory post release probation with the final release on February 11, 2004.

She graduated from the physician's assistant program on May 16, 2005, but did not take and pass the NCCPA examination until June 15, 2010. She has not practiced as a physician assistant.

Ms. Kukich indicated that she has just obtained licensure in Michigan and Illinois. She also indicated that she withdrew her Ohio application for licensure as she does not meet their educational requirements.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Committee moved to CONTINUE this matter as they would like for Ms. Kukich to obtain official verifications of the newly issued Michigan and Illinois licenses for them to review.

Jacobs/Chapman, 4/0/0
Motion carries

Ms. Kukich submitted a request to withdraw her application on January 20, 2011.

DISCUSSION

Change & Addition Applications – Staff requested input from the Committee on when to send notifications to applicants. According to the law, a physician assistant has 30 days in which to notify the Board of a change or an addition of supervising physician. Some applicants do not complete the process and are practicing with the new/additional physician without the Committee's approval. The Committee indicated that if the applicant is past 45 days then staff is to send a letter to them indicating they need to get it completed immediately or they will be required to appear before the Committee.

Supervising Agreement changes – Staff requested input from the Committee regarding the receipt of changes in an existing supervising agreement. Some physician assistants submit new supervising agreements that may just include a new job duty or new office policy etc., but the supervising physician remains the same.

The Committee requested that staff have the physician assistant identify the changes on the supervising agreement and then submit it to the Committee for review. A new agreement only needs to be sent if there are drastic changes. Most just put on the agreement, "And other duties as assigned". An application is not necessary for this procedure.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

The Committee reviewed and approved applications for initial licensure, prescriptive authority and change and additions:

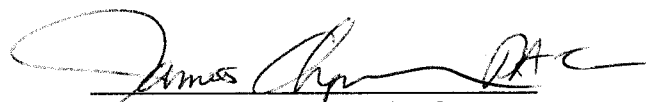
Jacobs/Chapman, 4/0/0

David Baker, prescriptive authority application
Tasha Bowers, initial and prescriptive authority applications
Andrew Chastain, prescriptive authority application
Stephanie Eckerle, change/addition and prescriptive authority applications
Andrea Gill, change/addition application
Elizabeth Haynes, change/addition application
John Hendricks, initial and prescriptive authority applications
Ralph Marsala, change/addition
Meghan Mioduski, initial application
Christopher Roman, initial application
Constantina Sloffer, change/addition application
Emily Turner, change/addition application
Angela Unfried, prescriptive authority application

Heather Upchurch, change/addition and prescriptive authority application

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chairman



James Chapman, P.A., Secretary